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# 0. FOREWORD

- 0.1 This Indian Standard (Part 6) (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on 14 May 1987, after the draft finalized by the Transport Packages Sectional Committee had been approved by the Marine, Cargo Movement and Packaging Division Council.
- 0.2 This Indian Standard, first published in 1973, has been revised to bring it in line with the revised International Standard, ISO 2872-1985 'Packaging Complete, filled transport packages Compression test' published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). This revision incorporates the following technical changes:
  - a) the specification of compression tester has been modified slightly (clause 3), and
  - b) a new clause on 'package preparation' has been added.
- 0.3 The compression test may be used to assess the performance of complete, filled transport packages in terms of strength or of the protection offered to the contents when subjected to compressive forces. It may be performed either as a single test to investigate the effects (deformation, collapse or failure) of this hazard or as part of sequence of tests designed to measure the ability of a package to withstand a distribution system that includes a compression hazard.
- 0.3.1 A method of test using a compression tester to determine the stacking resistance of a package is given in IS: 7028 (Part 9)-1987\*.

### 1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard (Part 6) specifies two methods of testing complete, filled transport packages for compression resistance.

<sup>\*</sup>Performance tests for complete, filled transport packages: Part 9 Stacking test using compression tester (first revision).

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## 2. PRINCIPLE

2.1 Placing of the test package between the platens of a compression tester, and compressing; the load and platen displacement being recorded until failure occurs; or predetermined values for load or displacement are reached.

### 3. APPARATUS

- 3.1 Compression Tester Motor driven, mechanical or hydraulic, platen-type, capable of applying load through uniform movement of one or both platens at a relative speed of  $10 \pm 3$  mm/min.
  - 3.1.1 The platens shall be:
    - a) flat, so that when placed horizontally the difference in height between the lowest and the highest points does not exceed 1 mm;
    - b) dimensioned so as to extend over the whole area of the panels with which they are in contact;
    - c) rigid, so as not to deform by more than 1 mm at any point when the tester is applying a load of 75 percent of its maximum rating, either to a centrally placed 100 mm × 100 mm × 100 mm block having sufficient strength to accept this load without failure, or to four similar blocks placed at the four corners, in the case of swivel-mounted platens.
- 3.1.1.1 One platen shall remain horizontal, within 2 parts in 1 000 at all times during the test.
- 3.1.1.2 The other platen shall be either rigidly mounted so as to remain horizontal within 2 parts in 1 000 at all times during the test, or be held by a universal joint at its centre and so be free to tilt in any direction.
- 3.1.1.3 The working surfaces of platens suitable for testing packages with a length or width or diameter greater than 1 000 mm may be locally recessed for fixing boats, etc.
- 3.2 Recording Device With a percentage of error for loads not exceeding  $\pm 2$  percent of the load and an accuracy of platen displacement of  $\pm 1$  mm.

#### 4. PACKAGE PREPARATION

4.1 The test package shall normally be filled with its intended contents. However, simulated or dummy contents may be used on condition that the dimensions and physical properties of such contents shall be as close as practicable to those of the intended contents.

**4.2** Ensure that the test package is closed normally, as if ready for distribution. If simulated or dummy contents are used, ensure that the normal method of closure is still employed.

#### 5. CONDITIONING

5.1 The package shall be conditioned in accordance with one of the conditions described in IS: 7031-1987\*.

#### 6. PROCEDURE

**6.0** Whenever possible the test shall be carried out in the same atmospheric conditions as used for conditioning, where this is critical to the materials or application of the package. In other circumstances, the test shall be carried out in atmospheric conditions which are as near as practicable to those used for conditioning.

#### 6.1 Method 1

- 6.1.1 Place the test package centrally on the lower platen of the test machine (3.1), in the predetermined attitude.
- **6.1.2** Apply the load by relative movement of the platens at  $10\pm3$  mm/min until the predetermined value is reached or until premature collapse.

In measuring deformation, the datum zero point shall be taken as the reading corresponding to a load of 220 N.

**6.2** Method 2 — Where it is desired to measure the ability of a complete, filled transport packages to resist external compressive loads applied to opposite edges or corners of the package, the procedure is the same as in Method 1, but it is essential to use a tester in which the upper platen is not free to tilt.

### 7. TEST REPORT

- 7.1 The test report shall include the following particulars:
  - a) reference to this standard;
  - b) number of replicate packages tested;
  - c) full description of the packages, including dimensions, structural and material specifications of the package and its fittings cushioning, blocking, closure or reinforcing arrangements;
  - d) description of contents, if simulated or dummy contents were used, full details shall be given;

<sup>\*</sup>Method of conditioning of complete, filled transport packages (first revision).

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- e) gross mass of the package and net mass of contents, in kilograms;
- f) relative humidity, temperature and time of conditioning; temperature and relative humidity of test area at time of test; whether these values comply with the requirements of IS: 7031-1987\*;
- g) the attitude in which the package was tested, using the method of identification given in IS: 7030-1973†;
- h) load imposed, in newtons, and the duration of time of the package under load;
- j) location of points on packages and stage of test at which measurements were made;
- k) type of apparatus used, including whether the tester was mechanically or hydraulically operated and whether or not the upper platen was rigidly mounted;
- m) any deviations from the test methods in this standard;
- n) a record of the result, including load/platen displacement recording, with any observations which may assist in correct interpretation;
- p) date of the test; and
- q) signature of tester.

<sup>\*</sup>Method of conditioning for testing of complete, filled transport packages (first revision).

<sup>†</sup>Method of identification of parts for complete, filled transport packages.

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